

PRIZE FAMILY RECORDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,—Permit me to announce that the prize awards for the family records are now completed, and that a full account of them will be posted, I hope, on Thursday evening to each competitor. It may interest others as well as them to know that 40 persons will receive prizes of £7 each and 44 others of £5 each; but it is a matter of great regret to me that the allotted sum, and the published undertaking that no prize should be less than £5, prevent my giving prizes to at least 20 others. The competitors are of all ranks of society down to the artisan, and representatives of every rank appear in the prize list. If I were asked to specify a group that was more eminent than the rest in thoroughness, good sense, and method, I should say the Quakers, at least a dozen of whom have competed. If I had to select the most disappointing, I should say those professed genealogists whose interest centres on the direct line of male ascent and on eminent individual ancestors, and who, moreover, are too apt to limit their inquiries to such bald facts as are commonly inserted in pedigrees. Many of these have failed in responding adequately to my request for brief and vivid life-histories, for summaries and biological statements, and for equal information concerning every ancestor in the same degree. On the other hand, two of the best contributors are genealogists. The general result is that I have cause to marvel at the goodness of the contributions and at their suggestiveness; also that I see before me work that will require some years to complete.

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